

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 933, Further Continuing Appropriations Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1967–S2052

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 618–631, and S. Res. 82–85. **Page S2026**

Measures Reported:

S. 622, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs. **Page S2025**

Measures Passed:

Further Continuing Appropriations Act: By 73 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 44), Senate passed H.R. 933, making consolidated appropriations and further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1967–90**

Adopted:

Coburn/McCain Modified Amendment No. 65 (to Amendment No. 26), to prohibit the use of funds to carry out the functions of the Political Science Program in the Division of Social and Economic Sciences of the Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences of the National Science Foundation, except for research projects that the Director of the National Science Foundation certifies as promoting national security or the economic interests of the United States. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.)

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Coburn/McCain Modified Amendment No. 70 (to Amendment No. 26), to ensure that authorizing committees receive timely information from the Department of Homeland Security. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.)

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Inhofe/Hagan Modified Amendment No. 72 (to Amendment No. 26), to require the continuation of tuition assistance programs for members of the Armed Forces for the remainder of fiscal year 2013. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S1974–75, S1985**

Mikulski/Shelby Modified Amendment No. 98 (to Amendment No. 26), of a perfecting nature. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Page S1985**

Leahy Modified Amendment No. 129 (to Amendment No. 26), to revise language regarding cluster munitions. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S1985–86**

Pryor Amendment No. 82 (to Amendment No. 26), relative to Agriculture Buildings and Facilities and Rental Payments, Food Safety and Inspection Service, and Domestic Food Programs. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Page S1986**

By 70 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 42), Reid (for Mikulski/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 26, in the nature of a substitute.

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Murray Amendment No. 176, to amend the title.

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Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 39), Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 69 (to Amendment No. 26), to prohibit Urban Area Security Initiative grant recipients from funding projects that do not improve homeland security. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S1976, S1984**

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 40), Coburn Amendment No. 93 (to Amendment No. 26), to

transfer appropriations from the National Heritage Partnership Program to fund the resumption of public tours of the White House and visitor services and maintenance at national parks and monuments. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 41), Toomey Modified Amendment No. 115 (to Amendment No. 26), to increase by \$25,000,000 the amount appropriated for Operation and Maintenance for the Department of Defense for programs, projects, and activities in the continental United States, and to provide an offset. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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Withdrawn:

Durbin Amendment No. 123 (to Amendment No. 115), to change the enactment date.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 63 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 43), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill.

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Gold Star Wives Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 67, designating April 5, 2013, as “Gold Star Wives Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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192nd Anniversary of Independence of Greece: Senate agreed to S. Res. 84, recognizing the 192nd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

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National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 85, designating April 2013 as “National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month”.

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Measures Considered:

Budget Resolution—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that staff be permitted to make technical and conforming changes to the resolution, as necessary, consistent with amendments adopted during Senate consideration, including calculating the associated

change in the Net Interest function under Section 104 and incorporating the effect of such adopted amendments on the budgetary aggregates under Section 101 for Federal Revenues, the amount by which Federal revenues should be changed, New Budget Authority, Budget Outlays, Deficits, Public Debt, and Debt Held By the Public.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the period of debate for Economic Goals and Policy under Section 305b of the Congressional Budget Act occur on Thursday, March 21, 2013, at a time to be determined by the two managers.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the concurrent resolution at approximately 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 21, 2013; and that there be 34 hours remaining on the concurrent resolution, equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—44)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:45 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2013. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2025.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Frederick Vollrath, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, Eric K. Fanning, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, and 41 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

SPACE THREATS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing